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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1968

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV RH US UK  
SUBJ: NKOMO CONSTITUTION FOR RHODESIA

1. ZAPU LEGAL ADVISER AND NKOMO CONFIDANT LEO BARON INFORMED EMBOFF JULY 8 IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAD JUST COMPLETED A POST INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION FOR RHODESIA. BARON'S NEXT PROJECT IS TO DRAFT STRUCTURE FOR INTERIM PERIOD. BARON LOOKED ASKANCE ON ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE BECAUSE HE FELT ANY PROPOSED SOLUTION WHICH DOES NOT GIVE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FULL CONTROL DURING THE CARETAKER PERIOD IS UNREALISTIC. BARON STRESSED THAT MAIN ISSUE IS CONTROL OF LAW AND ORDER DURING INTERIM PERIOD AND NOT FINAL FORM OF CONSTITUTION. BARON FORESEES COLLAPSE OF UK LABOR GOVT, AN EASIER TIME FOR SMITH UNDER THE "IRON LADY" AND AN EVENTUAL NKOMO MILITARY VICTORY IN RHODESIA. HE STRESSED THAT AN INTERNAL SOLUTION CANNOT WORK BECAUSE THE GUERRILLAS WILL CONTINUE FIGHTING. BARON NOTED THAT DESTRUCTION OF RHODESIAN INFRASTRUCTURE IS AN ACCEPTABLE PRICE TO PAY  
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FOR "TRUE INDEPENDENCE".

2. COMMENT: BARON HAS BEEN CLOSE TO NKOMO FOR OVER 20 YEARS. HIS DISTASTE FOR RULE BY EITHER SMITH OR BRITISH ALONG WITH STRONG BELIEF IN INEVITABLE NKOMO MILITARY VICTORY MAY BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THINKING AMONG NKOMO'S TOP ADVISERS. CLINGERMAN

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